

COLD WAVE

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Good Evening Everybody! Speaking from Montreal tonight. -- Up here where they have been having a rather mild winter. But here's a bit of striking evidence of the severity of the winter some have been having elsewhere -- the wrong places:- New icy storms are reported to be on the move, with one of the weather headlines today from the valley of the Rio Grande.

Now that's warm country, down there on the Mexican Border, land of eternal summer! - So you ~~thingkx~~ think! But the entire state of Texas is in the grip of a cold wave, and along the Rio Grande the vegetable and citrus crops are being badly damaged by temperatures that dropped today at the rate of a degree an hour, down below freezing, down to fifteen.

Strange weather news, ~~wi~~ when it's frost-bite all the way from El Paso to the Gulf - people shivering, teeth chattering, along the Rio Grande.

About ~~the~~<sup>s</sup> United States Senate Committee proposal that shipments of oil be cut down to all our ~~consumers~~<sup>customers</sup> outside our own borders:- naturally this is causing much concern, especially here in Canada. Minister of Trade and Commerce Howe says that oil burner installations were cut way down here in the Dominion, months ago. He add~~ed~~<sup>s</sup> that if shipments of oil are reduced it will be a "calamity of the first order for Canada". But, that of course ~~is~~<sup>it's</sup> a decision for the United States to make.

The Canadians not only are our next-door-  
neighbors, ~~but~~<sup>they are</sup> our best friends. ~~And~~<sup>And</sup> American comment is that Uncle Sam is not likely to give Canadians any different break than he gives his own sons and daughters.

~~It~~ Canada by the way, produces only about five percent of its own oil. Almost all the rest ~~of it~~ it gets from us.

MOSCOW

(The Soviets and their satellites appear to be having a disagreement - as was shown today when in Moscow the Communist Party newspaper, Pravda, and the Soviet Government radio, ~~XXXXX~~ issued a blast against Dimitrov, the Red Dictator of Puppet Bulgaria. <sup>P</sup> Dimitrov was denounced for a statement he ~~XXXXX~~ issued recently - a statement calling for a federation of the Balkan States, with a Customs Union, This is now repudiated by Moscow, with a stern warning that any such Balkan Federation is out.) Pravda puts it as follows: "These countries do not need a problematic or artificial ~~fa~~ federation of <sup>re</sup> confederation or customs union."

This has created a sensation in diplomatic circles of the western powers, because it is taken as a clear indication that the Soviet idea is for the satellite to be bound directly to ~~XXXXX~~ Moscow, not with each other. The Red lords of the Kremlin want the puppets to be tied up individually with the big boss, not with each other. (The Balkan ~~fa~~ Federation idea has been ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ advocated not only by Dimitrov in

Bulgaria, but also by Tito the Red Dictator of  
Jugoslavia. They seem to have had large ideas along  
that line, but now Moscow says -- no.)

## FRANCE

The political crisis in France has been settled, temporarily at least - after the earlier news today had pictured the crisis at the showdown stage. Last night we heard how the financial committee of the National Assembly had rejected some important phases of Premier Schuman's new economic program - devalu~~ing~~ing the ~~franc~~ franc. The Socialist<sup>s</sup> had turned against Schuman on this issue. Whereupon, this morning, the Premier met with his cabinet, and they decided on a showdown. They ~~are~~ announced that, unless the assembly okayed the Schuman program for devaluing the franc, the Ministry would resign - Schuman stepping out.

So that put it up to the Socialists, who had revolted. ~~Would they now, in the Assembly, vote against the devaluation plan, and have the Premier and his Ministers resign? Or~~ would they back down, and reverse themselves? Last night we noted that the socialists in the Paris Assembly were in a difficult spot, because, if the Schuman Cabinet ~~is~~ resigned, this

might be followed by a Communist Ministry, or General

Charles DeGaulle might take power, ~~as leader of the right.~~

~~The Socialists didn't want either of these things to~~

~~happen - so what would they do? The answer - a compromise.~~

Today the Socialists got out of their dilemma by deciding to vote neither one way or the other. In other words, abstain from voting. That would leave Premier Schuman with a majority - and the next news from Paris is scheduled to tell of the National Assembly, minus the Socialists, voting in favor of the Schuman program for the devaluation of the franc.

## GREECE

Word from Greece is that the Communist Guerrillas are using submarines, a strange sort of weapon to be in the hands of the Red rebels. The Minister of Public Order at Athens declared today that the guerrillas have two undersea craft, navigating along the Western Coast of Greece, and the question is ~~raised~~ raised - where did the Reds get the subs? The suspicion, of course, points to the northern neighbors of Greece, the Soviet satellites - both of which have seaports on the Adriatic.

One wonders what part submarines could play in the Greek Civil strife - since there seems ~~like~~ little likelihood of Naval warfare in the fighting and skirmishing among the mountains; the answer is that the subs are being used to transport Communist<sup>s</sup> from one place to another along the coast - and, in particular, to help in the escape of Red leaders who have been interned on islands. Recently, two chiefs of the Reds made a getaway from an island prison camp in the Aegean Sea - a thing to be explained by the use of the Red <sup>submarine</sup> <sub>1</sub>

## PALESTINE

News from Palestine tells of a daring attempt to kidnap the Jewish chief of police at Tel Aviv - and the would-be kidnapers were not Arabs. They were members of the Stern Gang, an Extremist outfit of the Jewish Underground.

The police chief, named Rozenstein, was appointed to office when British Forces withdraw from the Tel Aviv area recently. He is a popular ~~figure~~ figure, a favorite of the people of Tel Aviv. But, apparently, the Stern Gang got the idea that police superintendent Rozenstein was an informer for the British.

So today a band of terrorists broke into Rozenstein's house - and, at pistol point, marched him to a truck waiting outside. This was noted by neighbors who - when they saw the popular police chief being taken away, ~~intervened~~ intervened in a dramatic scene. The neighbors rushed to the kidnapers, and clung to them, shouting - "If he goes, you can take us too." This caused a delay, and gavetime for a call to the police.



The neighbors were still hanging on to the terrorists, when  
when armored cars came speeding. Whereupon the  
kidnappers abandoned their victim, and fled.

ADD PALESTINE

A sensation ~~was~~ was caused in England today by the sudden appearance of posters calling for recruits to join the "Hebrew Legion to fight for the salvation of Palestine" These posters appeared simultaneously on the streets of London and all the major cities, Liverpool, Manchester, Cardiff, and Glasgow, across the border in Scotland. A Hebrew call to arms - ~~was~~ volunteers invited to go to Palestine to defend the Holy Land, ~~a new crusade.~~ The men behind the "Hebrew Legion" headed by Major Samuel Weisser, a former British intelligence officer, say they hope to recruit, train, and arm, two thousand men to sail to Palestine to "fight for the rights of the Jews" when Britain lays down her mandate on May 15th. No word yet as to how the British government views this recruiting - but the posters are on the streets, and are said to be attracting considerable attention.

DOCTOR

In Omaha today, a doctor died, and thereby proved his own scientific theory. Dr. Albert ~~Harris~~ Harris developed a simple way for discovering cancer, a diagnosis based on the presence in the body of an organic chemical called enceyme. He announced his theory, and the one thing that remained was to provide proof.

Then Dr. Harris was stricken with a fatal illness, though only thirty-five. He was taken to an Omaha hospital, and there the medical scientists applied to him his own method for discovering cancer. The result of the test was <sup>yes</sup> ~~no~~, it was cancer. But they ~~did not~~ did not tell him. Today Dr. Harris died without knowing that his own case was evidence of the correctness of his discovery.

## OLYMPIC HOCKEY

It seems that nearly every one here in Canada is talking about ~~xx~~ that Olympic controversy over in Switzerland. Until this afternoon they were all wondering whether Avery Brundage, President of the U.S. Olympic Committee, who believes in Simon Pure amateurism, would win out.

Uncle Sam ~~got himself~~ in a fine tangle ~~over there~~. Two hockey teams at St. Moritz: one ■ the AHA outfit and the other the AAU. ~~★x@NRxXX★ As one~~

*surely it's*  
~~is~~ up to the American Olympic Committee to pick its own team." Then he added: "If the Swiss were allowed to decide which of ~~our~~ teams should participate then why have any American Olympic Committee?"

*With*  
Meanwhile the Swiss ~~XXXX were reported to be~~ tearing their hair and gnashing their teeth for fear Uncle Sam would pull out entirely. All of which would have a serious affect on that big Olympic show in Switzerland.

Word 4 The decision <sup>reached me here in Montreal</sup> ~~came in~~ this afternoon. And as handed down by the International ~~Oxxx~~ Olympic Committee it's a sort of winter sports version of that famous ~~Shaksp~~ Shakespearean phrase --- "A plague on both your houses."

~~Faced with the dilemma of having to choose between two American hockey teams, each insisting it should represent the United States, The committee has decided to accept neither; bar them both. Which decision ~~not~~ eliminates the possibility that the other American teams, in other sports, might be withdrawn and thereby disrupt the winter Olympics.~~

The compromise has been ~~xxxxxx~~ accepted, and our other teams will compete.

~~The trouble arose because two American hockey teams showed up to represent the U.S.A. in Switzerland. One sent by the official American Olympic Committee, which regulates our participation in the international~~

ST. MORITZ

In San Moritz, Switzerland Coach Walter Prager of the U.S. Olympic Ski Team has just announced the ~~personnel of the mens and womens squads~~ <sup>carefully</sup> ~~selected teams~~ <sup>make up of the teams to make our</sup> ~~which will make a strong~~ bid for honors in the <sup>winter</sup> Olympics ~~trials which~~ <sup>beginning</sup> Friday! - Gretchen of Fraser of Vancouver, Washington, Rebecca Kremer of La Crosse, Wisconsin, and Andrea Mead of Rutland, Vermont will compete in both the Alpine Downhill and slalom; <sup>with</sup> the <sup>fourth</sup> ~~member~~ of the U.S. Slalom entry, ~~is~~ Paula ~~Kahn~~ of North Conway, New Hampshire. <sup>Walter</sup> Prager <sup>reminds us</sup> ~~points out~~ that <sup>while</sup> ~~our~~ <sup>young</sup> women skiers have compiled outstanding records in U.S. ski meets, <sup>they</sup> ~~but~~ have had little ~~competition~~ experience in the international field. ~~Gretchen Fraser, who~~ ~~represents the Sun Valley, Idaho, Ski Club was national downhill champ in 1941, and national slalom champion in 1942.~~

Gordon Wren, thirty year old vet from Winter Park, Colorado, <sup>with Art Devlin out</sup> ~~is~~ <sup>his</sup> number one ~~of~~

<sup>on</sup> the U.S. Men's Squad, and <sup>his</sup> ~~is~~ also named for the men's

slalom team. Corey Engen of Ogden, Utah, and Don

<sup>also on</sup>  
Johnson of Salt Lake are the men's jumping team.

~~Everything set for a mighty battle - our American~~  
~~McLean, you probably have heard~~  
~~ski race to compete with the cream of Europe's winter~~  
~~the selections already announced; -~~  
~~and sport athletes, men and women born and bred to~~  
Knowlton, Movitz, Reddish, Colin  
Stuart,  
ski, and fired with a powerful determination to defend  
their titles.

PASQUEL

I ran across two well known figures in the world of baseball here in Montreal today, right in the middle of a blizzard, <sup>— a small blizzard — a sort of</sup> One had the son of the President of Mexico in tow, young fourteen year old Miguel Aleman, who had just come into <sup>the proud</sup> possession of his first pair of skis. The Mexican President's son was accompanied by the flashing eyed President of the Mexican baseball league, <sup>none other than the</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>legendary</sup> Jorge Pasquel. Pasquel also is publisher of the largest newspaper in Mexico City. He says he is up here looking for Canadian ball players.

The other famous baseball figure in the City, and an old friend of mine, <sup>speaking here today,</sup> is the head man of the ~~Bxx~~ Brooklyn Dodgers. Apparently he and Pasquel are not pals. When asked the question:

"Are you going to see Branch Rickey?" Pasquel replied in a voice right in key with <sup>today's</sup> Canadian <sup>weather!</sup> ~~blizzard:~~

"Rickey? <sup>Who's Rickey?</sup>"  
 "Rickey?" <sup>Who's here?</sup>

~~Maybe Nelson will give us some answers — or answers!~~

Alabama or Tennessee blizzard.



LORETTA YOUNG

In London tonight, there's a storm in a tea-cup - ~~the tea-cup of British pride~~ <sup>a</sup> storm of misunderstanding that rages <sup>on</sup> all the way to Hollywood, <sup>a distance of</sup> ~~from London, about six thousand~~ six thousand miles.

This storm of official indignation concerns ~~some~~ statements made about post-war conditions in England by film actress Loretta Young. Miss Young is alleged to have told American reporters, that not only did she never have a bite of bacon while in London, but that British factory workers fainted from hunger at their benches round eleven in the morning. <sup>TP</sup> She ~~also~~ added that business <sup>(executives)</sup> ~~men~~ wore cardboard in their shoes, no leather being available for repair, and that she had met reporters with stubble on their chins - a shortage of razor blades ~~was~~ indicated. Of course the reporters might have been growing literary beards, or they could have overslept. Miss Young interpreted these outward and visible ~~signs~~ signs as an indication that England is in a bad way.

Today the powerful two million circulation Daily Herald, official organ of the British Labor Party <sup>is</sup> roaring at Miss Young. "Colorful imagination! --- pure fiction!" growls the newspaper. The writer of the article adds: "seeing that the actress arrived sick, and spent most of her time in her hotel room, then went to a nursing home, how could she have seen so much?" As for her complaint about "Never a bite of bacon", well the reporters went to the hotel where the film star stayed and dug out the information that Miss Young never once ordered bacon.

The Daily Herald - considered the voice of the labor government - calls on the film star to give the addressess of the factory where the men fainted, and the names of the executives who wear cardboard soles in their shoes. It doesn't ~~however~~ ask for details about the reporters with stubble on their chins.

*Much Ads About Nothing!*  
~~Probably knowing the universal habits of reporters but~~  
*To be followed by much ads about*  
~~it is, by and large, very angry with the film star who riv~~  
*something - from you, Nelson.*  
~~viewed England with anything but rose colored spectacles.~~

## NEWFOUNDLAND

What are Canadians saying <sup>about that</sup> ~~in~~ Newfoundland <sup>vote,</sup> the National Convention at St. John's, ~~defining~~ defeating by a vote of twenty-six to sixteen, the motion that <sup>the</sup> question of Confederation with Canada be put up to a vote of all the people of Newfoundland?

<sup>I have been told today,</sup>  
From what ~~they~~ up here in the Province of Quebec ~~there is~~ the vote was not unexpected, not a ~~great~~ surprise. Nevertheless it <sup>does</sup> come as a disappointment to most Canadians. Nearly everyone <sup>seems</sup> to feel that <sup>union would be</sup> ~~it would have been both~~ <sup>both</sup> to the advantage of Newfoundland and Canada.

But, for the time being there is no chance at all that Newfoundlanders will want to have their great island made a part of the United States, as suggested right after the war; and very little chance that they will decide to unite with Canada in the near future. This may be hard to understand, but the Newfoundlanders are that way.

games. The other ~~x~~ sent by the American Hockey Association, which our Olympic Committee does not recognize at all.

There were charges of -- professionalism. And the American Olympic Committee announced that, if the rival hockey ~~team~~ team were recognized as the American Representative, <sup>then all</sup> the American teams in <sup>all</sup> the other sports would be withdrawn.

That was the dilemma, which was all the more important, because the Olympic hockey games draw a lot of paying spectators -- the important sport from the financial point of view, the gate.

Now it's all solved, today, by ~~them~~ the compromise; tossing out both American hockey teams -- whereby this country will go ahead and compete in the other sports; but not hockey.

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Late word: -- there is a jurisdictional quarrel about it all -- still going on at St. Moritz.

The Philadelphia School of Social Sciences, <sup>The</sup> Samuel Adams  
School of Boston, and The School of Jewish Studies  
of New York.

EINSTEIN

~~The Soviet accusations that world government is a scheme to obtain gain domination of foreign markets, a scheme advocated by monopoly capitalists imposed Dr. Albert Einstein as a kind of Mytology.~~

*Einstein*  
The great mathematician <sup>is advocating</sup> ~~can hardly be described as a~~

~~monopoly capitalist himself and, he says, he is for world government, because there is no other possible way of eliminating the most~~ <sup>appalling fate that</sup> ~~terribly danger in which~~

*threatens*  
~~mankind. has ever been.~~

<sup>makes his statement</sup>  
Einstein ~~said this~~ in an open letter to four

~~celebrated~~ Russian scientists who <sup>have been</sup> ~~criticized Einstein's~~ <sup>ing his</sup>

appeals to the nations to erect a supreme world government. One of the <sup>4 Russians</sup> is the President of the

Russian Academy of Sciences, ~~the others being of equal importance.~~

~~Their arguments show that a Russian, no matter how brillian he may be in science, is as childish as any other Communist when it comes to politics.~~

<sup>tells</sup>  
Einstein ~~told~~ his Russian colleagues that the Soviet desire for isolation <sup>will be</sup> ~~is~~ disastrous not only to

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*all other nations but to ~~Eisenstein as~~*  
~~all other nations but to Russia as well.~~ He charged  
*Russia as well.*  
~~that Soviet units with taking a harmful attitude on,~~  
~~atomic energy control, he said it was partly negative~~  
~~and partly dilatory, and that attitude, added Einstein,~~  
~~had made it difficult for well-meaning people in this~~  
*Speaking of atomic power*  
~~country to use their political influence to oppose~~  
*he says*  
~~war-mongers.~~ Surely, ~~he suggested,~~ the objective of  
avoiding total destruction should have priority over  
any other objective.

GREECE

Fifty ship-loads of arms and supplies from Uncle Sam have been ~~returned~~<sup>sent</sup> to Piraeus, classic seaport of old Athens, ~~at~~<sup>and to</sup> Corinth and Patras, ~~and~~<sup>and</sup> other Peloponesian ports, for the use of the Greek National Army. Ninety thousand tons of equipment ~~is~~ as of January 20th. This means, says ~~Major~~<sup>American</sup> General Livesey, that the Army of ~~the Hellenes~~<sup>Greece</sup> is now better equipped, in every respect, than the forces of the Red Communists.

The supplies include ~~not only~~ cannons, rifles and ammunition; ~~but~~ also jeeps, trucks, ambulances, mules, horses and winter clothing. <sup>R</sup> Sixteen more of Uncle Sam Officers left Athens today to take the field with the ~~Hellenes~~<sup>Greek</sup> Army, in Northern Greece.



IRAQ

<sup>Q</sup>  
~~The~~ new government for Iraq. The Premier  
of the Senate, ~~named~~ Mohammed El Sâdd, succeeds the  
exiled ex-premier, Faleh Jabr. <sup>π</sup> The former chief  
minister, as we heard yesterday, is safe in Trans-Jord<sup>nia</sup>,  
<sup>R Bagdad</sup> ~~though~~ students staged <sup>another</sup> a demonstration today, demanding  
that he be brought back forcibly and put on trial for  
negotiating <sup>that</sup> ~~the~~ treaty with Britain. <sup>that has stirred up all this row,</sup> <sup>R</sup> From our point  
of view, <sup>is not so good,</sup> ~~the~~ Mesopotomian affairs <sup>are in a mess,</sup>  
because the first official act of the new Cabinet will  
be to denounce the British treaty. ~~That affects us~~  
<sup>the</sup> ~~because this~~ agreement <sup>that was to be</sup> ~~was~~ the keystone of ~~Ernest~~  
Bevin's Mediterranean policy to resist Russian  
aggression.

GREENLAND FOLLOW AIR BASE

*Greenland in the news again.*  
~~Then there's the matter of defensive bases~~

*held by Uncle Sam*

~~for Uncle Sam in Greenland~~

*Those bases*  
~~We've had strongholds~~

on that great Arctic island since 1941; ~~held them~~ under lease from the King of Denmark. They were of quiet but ~~solid substantial help to Uncle Sam's military establishment during the war.~~ But eight months ago, the Danish government said they wanted *us out.* ~~to discontinue the agreement, wanted us out of them.~~ Since then

there have been ~~several quiet, secret~~ meetings between representatives of ~~Uncle Sam and Copenhagen~~ *the 2 countries, with no results.* but they

*never came to anything.*  
*resumed in N. Y. between*

Today negotiations ~~begin again~~ *were*

Danish Foreign Minister Rasmussen ~~held a conversation~~

*and* ~~with~~ Secretary of State ~~George~~ Marshall. at New York

today, during the meeting of the Assembly of the United ~~Nations.~~

*Those* Greenland bases today consist *mainly* ~~principally~~ *of a group* of weather stations, *and an* ~~there is also a~~

*air* ~~heavy~~ refuelling station at Groendahl, *alongside* ~~and an~~

*an* emergency air-strip surrounded by glaciers.

Uncle Sam had up there

All The other installations ~~was~~ during the war have

<sup>e</sup>ben dismantled. ~~But to the American~~  
~~Our High Command wants the new~~

~~agreement, because the more the art of modern warfare~~  
~~progresses, the more important those Arctic regions~~

~~continent~~ <sup>has become</sup>  
~~become~~ Greenland ~~is now~~ an area of major importance  
<sup>for</sup> military defence.

## CATS

~~To the question,~~ Do cats catch rats? This question has come up because the American Feline Society proposes to ship <sup>50 thousands</sup> ~~a number of~~ alley cats to Europe to rid the ~~xxxxx~~ continent of rats, which are doing incalculable damage. The rats eating the precious food, and defeating all human methods of extermination. Hence the American Feline <sup>Society's</sup> ~~x~~ proposal to send fifty thousand tough American Alley cats to Europe.

But today a government expert poured cold water on the idea. "Few cats have <sup>the</sup> ~~xxx~~ nerve to attack a rat," says Charles Alldredge, Assistant to the Under Secretary of <sup>the</sup> Interior, and Government Representative ~~on~~ the National Rat Control Committee. <sup>Then</sup> ~~and~~ he adds what is treason in the eyes of true cat lovers; "some dogs are frequently good," he ~~he~~ dares to say, ~~the~~ ~~daring Charles Alldredge~~ "If any one wants to send animals to Europe to save the ~~the~~ grain, send dogs."

All of which seems to be starting a cat and dog fight.

TAXES

The House of Representatives began a two day debate on the Harold Knutson Tax Bill, ~~the measure to cut the little matter of 5 1/2 billion off the income taxes of~~ <sup>for a six and a half</sup> ~~cut, for~~ both big and little taxpayers. The debate, <sup>we hear</sup> will be purely a formal affair; ~~because~~ <sup>said to be</sup> the passage of the act by an overwhelming majority is a foregone conclusion, ~~scheduled for~~ <sup>on</sup> Monday.

<sup>Cong.</sup> Mr. Knutson opened the debate ~~amid~~ <sup>amid</sup> ~~on his pet~~ <sup>measure, to a thin chorus of cheers from some of the Democrats, and loud shouts of "politics"</sup> ~~thus the~~ <sup>From the Democrats</sup>

<sup>The</sup> Minnesota <sup>n</sup> representative stood ~~by~~ <sup>and</sup> his guns, ~~said it~~ will benefit workers oppressed by the high cost of ~~living~~ <sup>that</sup> his bill, if both houses pass it, will give workers the equivalent of a wage increase of 6¢ an hour.

~~Again some Democrats shouted "politics, politics".~~ ~~But one Democrat stood up to tell his~~ <sup>told his own</sup> ~~colleagues~~

that their opposition <sup>to the bill is</sup> ~~was~~ plain foolishness. It would be absurd, said <sup>Congressman</sup> ~~Representative~~ Gene Cox of Georgia to fight President Truman's suggestion of a \$40.00 <sup>cap</sup> ~~case~~

CONTROLS

~~President Truman precipitated a situation today not altogether devoid of humor. Early in the afternoon, a representative of his official family, the Assistant Secretary of Agricultural <sup>to wit,</sup> ~~came before the Senators of The Banking Committee and asked them to put their~~ <sup>asked</sup> ~~okay on~~ <sup>of the Senate to</sup> ~~the virtual return of OPA. The subject under discussion was the measure proposed by Vermont Senator Ralph Flanders to authorize food rationing but without price control. Assistant Secretary Brennan said the Flanders bill ~~is~~ <sup>is</sup> alright so far as it ~~is~~ <sup>goes,</sup> ~~but~~ <sup>that it</sup> ~~should include~~ <sup>broader</sup> ~~price controls.~~ ~~much broader,~~ and that the time for it was now. In other words, another ~~OPX~~ OPA. ~~no matter what different letters of the alphabet they hang on to it.~~~~~~

~~All this was considered quite seriously until~~

<sup>Then</sup> ~~later in the afternoon President Truman <sup>stated</sup> ~~stepped into~~ the picture and upset the "apple cart". He gave reporters to understand that his administration has not yet decided that ~~rationing~~ rationing and price control of meat is necessary.~~

OIL

Several thousand people in Chicago were treated to a spectacle <sup>that gave them a sinking feeling.</sup> ~~which made them feel blue.~~ An explosion on the waterfront set fire to a petroleum tank, and in ~~almost~~ no time six others were ablaze. ~~So the spectators had the dismal experience of seeing 7,000 gallons of petroleum going up in smoke while their own homes were rigid from lack of fuel.~~

The United Press has been seeking an explanation <sup>present oil</sup> for the shortage which for peace-time is without precedent. ~~The U. P. man put his or parallel.~~ The United Press asked its questions to Uncle Sam's Bureau of Mines, ~~of~~ The American Petroleum Institute, The Oil Heating Institute of America, and other authorities. The <sup>number one reason seems to be</sup> ~~first and closest answer to the puzzle~~ is that we are using more oil than we ever did before.

<sup>When</sup> When oil burners became available after the war, hundreds of thousands of home owners installed them in place of their former coal burners. <sup>And,</sup> the same <sup>with</sup> thing happened in factories and office buildings. Last year ~~= no fewer than~~ 762,887 more oil heating <sup>units</sup> were installed than the year before. <sup>There are</sup> ~~There are only three million of them in operation,~~ some 3,000,000 of them in operation.

~~and~~ <sup>with</sup> more <sup>and more coming into use</sup> being bought all the time, in spite of the shortage. <sup>Also,</sup> Railroads <sup>have been</sup> ~~clearing~~ <sup>over</sup> changing from steam to deisel locomotives, which ~~burn oil~~. There <sup>Plus an ever</sup> is ~~always being an~~ <sup>ing</sup> increased demand for lubricants. Factories in the United States this year <sup>requiring</sup> will need 17 million barrels of lubricating oil, <sup>about 20%</sup> ~~almost 19%~~ more than in 1946. <sup>More and more</sup> ~~an increase of~~ farm/machinery, means that ~~farmers~~ this year <sup>using</sup> will ~~use~~ almost 3 billion gallons of gasoline and fuel oil, <sup>—</sup> twice as much as six years ago.

~~Then again, as in almost every other shortage that afflicts us, it too goes back to not enough steel. The Nazis, as we know, destroyed a terrific number of oil tankers, how many has never been told. The shortage of steel has prevented full replacement and the same fact applies to railroad tank cars. TP The steel shortage we hear~~ ~~also~~ has prevented oil companies from drilling more wells and building more refineries, and has prevented the rebuilding of tankers and tank cars lost in the war.



## BEARS

Now about that new outbreak of ~~the~~<sup>an</sup> old controversy - the puzzle of the hibernating bear. ~~The usual sector for the argument is the State of Maine, where they have an abundance of the big brown fellows in the Northern Forests. The question is - do bears hibernate? The scientists ~~xxx~~ shake their learned heads and say - no. But the folks up in Maine - they know better.~~

At Augusta, Maine, Earl Bradbury, Deputy Commissioner for fish and game, is defending the hibernation theory. "Our bears always hibernate in December. ~~Everybody up here knows it, says he, it's considered the normal thing for a bear to do in Maine~~ But this winter," he adds, "the woods are filled with bear and they are not walking in their sleep. So," he says "we're ~~xxxx~~ bewildered. It's not natural!"

Which draws a scornful retort from Dr. Charles Lyman, Assistant curator of the Harvard Museum of

Comparative Zoology, who says: - "A bear can't hibernate even if he wants to. It's physically impossible."

The professor goes ~~xxx~~ on to explain that when an animal hibernates, it's temperature drops, its breathing slows down, so does the heartbeat. "Woodchucks, ~~xxxxxx~~ ground squirrels and bats hibernate," says the Professor, "But not bears. Their temperature remains normal. They do a lot of sleeping during the winter, but they get up to eat, and they never enter a state of suspended animation."

The Professor says you can ~~it~~ prove all this by a simple experiment. An animal that's hibernating, in the true sense of the word, will take from two to six hours to wake up - even if you beat the critter with a club. So the test is - just walk up to a supposedly hibernating bear, and start beating him with a club, and see what happens.

As for this year's puzzle of the non-hibernating bear, the Professor points out that deep snows have buried the berries, nuts, and other food the bear

Comparative Zoology, who says: - "A bear can't hibernate even if he wants to. It's physically impossible."

The professor goes ~~xxx~~ on to explain that when an animal hibernates, it's temperature drops, its breathing slows down, so does the heartbeat. "Woodchucks, ~~xxxxxx~~ ground squirrels and bats hibernate," says the Professor, "But not bears. Their temperature remains normal. They do a lot of sleeping during the winter, but they get up to eat, and they never enter a state of suspended animation."

The Professor says you can ~~x~~ prove all this by a simple experiment. An animal that's hibernating, in the true sense of the word, will take from two to six hours to wake up - even if you beat the critter with a club. So the test is - just walk up to a supposedly hibernating bear, and start beating him with a club, and see what happens.

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depends on in winter. So old Master Bruin has to do more traveling around than usual to get something to eat. That's /  
~~xxxxxx~~ why more of them are being seen this year in the Maine woods.

Ben Crandall, a veteran hunter of Montrose, Colorado comes out today and takes an issue with the statement of the Harvard Professor. Ben Crandall says that he has gone into a bear's den and kicked him and Bruin didn't budge. He suggests that Dr. Lyman's bears walk in their sleep.

Up here in Canada, there are of course many men who are authorities on wild life. I consulted two today - both bear experts -- Joe Ryan of Mt. Tremblant and Tom Wheeler of Grey Rocks. Joe says, of course bears hibernate. He has frequently found them hibernating. His neighbor Tom, however, says the scientists are right. -- They sleep heavily but are not a comotose was the way he put it. So I haven't been able to settle the matter by consulting bear authorities up here either. But, I'm

going to clear it up before I leave by making an experiment. I'll be broadcasting from bear country for several days and each morning, accompanied by a party of rugged fellows I'll be on the north side, the lesser known side of Mt. Tremblant, in the heart of the bear country. Nelson Case will be with me. And I'm going to take Nelson to a bear den over in the Devil's River Country and have Nelson kick the bear while I play the roll of scientific observer.